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A communication was presented from Dr. R. W. Gibbes, of Columbia, South Carolina, entitled "Monograph of the Fossil Squalidæ of the United States, continued," which was referred to the Committee on the former portion of the memoir.

Mr. Cassin read a paper describing a new Tanager from the Rio Negro, (*Tanagra nigro-aurita*,) which was referred to a Committee consisting of Drs. Wilson, Gambel and Bridges.

On leave granted, the Committee to whom was referred Mr. Henry C. Lea's catalogue of Tertiary Fossils of the U. S., reported in favor of publication in the Proceedings.

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October 10th, 1848.

Vice President MORTON in the Chair.

A communication was read from Prof. Walter R. Johnson, Secretary of the American Association for the advancement of Science, dated Philadelphia, September 25th, 1848, returning the acknowledgements of that body for "the liberal and handsome manner in which the numerous and splendid collections of the Academy were offered for the inspection of the members."

A letter was read from Francis S. Holmes, Esq., of Charleston, S. C., dated October 2d, 1848, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

Also a letter from Mr. George B. Allinson, dated October 3d, 1848, accompanying his donation of minerals, this evening announced.

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October 17th, 1848.

Mr. VAUX in the Chair.

Letters were read :—

From the Secretary of the Lyceum of Natural History of New York, dated October 10th, 1848, acknowledging the receipt of Nos. 1 and 2, New Series of Journal of the Academy :—

From Dr. Bennet Dowler, dated New Orleans, October 3d, 1848, and from Dr. R. M. S. Jackson, dated Blairsville, Pennsylvania, October 7th, 1848, severally acknowledging the receipt of their notices of election as Correspondents :—

From John A. Guex, dated New York, October 15, 1848, announcing that he had forwarded for this Society recent Nos. of the Annals of the Royal Agricultural Society of Lyons.

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October 24th, 1848.

Dr. BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter was read from Mr. B. M. Norman, of New Orleans, dated October 6th, 1848, announcing the late decease of Dr. William M.